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Attn: Elizabeth Appel, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action
1849 C Street, N.W., MS-4141-MIB
Washington, D.C. 20240-0001
"1076-AF18"

RE: Consideration of Revisions to the Federal Acknowledgment Regulations Title 25 §83, etc.

Dear Ms. Elizabeth Appel,

Response to the proposed New Federal Acknowledgment Regulations are as follows:

1.) **83.6 General provisions for the documented petition.** (a) The documented petition may be in any readable form not to exceed 99 pages, etc. Please note: The Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe's original documented Tribal petition was a total of 597 pages. (See enclosed documents "A")

Q1-1a. Tribal recommendation XX should be XXX. Which stands for 99 pages VS 999 pages. Tribes would not be able to put together a petition with anything less than the aforementioned as indicated.

Q2-1b. Will the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe need to resubmit their original documented petition pages of September 2011? Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe sending the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action a copy of the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe's original petition for your convenience. (See enclosed documents "A-1 through A-597")

TO: Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, please respond at your earliest convenience on this matter. Thank you.

- 2.) **83.7 Mandatory criteria for Federal acknowledgment.** (2) (i): More than 94% percent of the Tribal members reside in a geographical area, etc. 6% live outside our geographical area.
Q3-2a. Please note: Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribes original documents sent to the NAHC Sacramento Office documented El Dorado, Amador and Sacramento Counties as their geographical area. (See enclosed document "B") Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action - please respond at you earliest convenience on this matter. Thank you.
- 3.) **83.10 Processing of the documented position.** (b) (1): If the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe was previously assigned/working with an OFA Technical Assistance.
Q4-3a. Will the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe work with the same tech? Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action - please respond at you earliest convenience on this matter. Thank you.
Q5.3b. Will we be assigned a new TA to work with? Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action - please respond at you earliest convenience on this matter. Thank you.
Q6.3c. When will the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe be notified? Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action - please respond at you earliest convenience on this matter. Thank you.
- 4.) **Q7.4a.** If we request an expedited favorable finding and/or we are denied can we continue on with the current process in submitting and/or petition? *Please investigate and advise.* Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, please respond at you earliest convenience on this matter. Are we a landless tribe or do we have a reservation "Koot'-Bah" which is under BLM. Please help me to understand (no land / landless /" Koot'-Bah Rancheria". (See enclosed documents "C") We do not wish to expedite, but if we did what is the difference?
- 5.) **Q8.5a.** Is it a requirement to list all legal last names and alias last names used? I.e. married names, mother's maiden names, etc..? Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action - please respond at you earliest convenience on this matter. Thank you.
- 6.) **Q9.6a** Tentative date when documented petition has to be submitted? Please investigate at your earliest convenience and advise.

CONCLUSION:

We want to thank you for your time and patience in this matter. Please notify OFA of your findings in the matter so that if these questions arise in the future from other tribes and/or entities the information will be documented and addressed. Your expertise is much needed and appreciated in this matter. Again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,

/ES/

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CAV.

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MIWOK TRIBAL MEMORANDUM

March 09, 2008

Native American Heritage Commission
Repatriation Oversight Commission (ROC)
Attn: Ms. Katy Sanchez
915 Capitol Mall, Room 364
Sacramento, CA 95814-4801

RE: AB 978 - California Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (Cal NAGPRA)

Dear Ms. Sanchez;

This is in response to the Native American Heritage Commission's letter dated April 1, 2008 regarding the ROC's establishing a list of Native American Tribes that meet the following:

(a) ID autonomous & separate Tribal Government:

1. Grandmother Marguerite (Hart) Kaihe Williams 1930 Application Listing; El Dorado, Amador and Sacramento Counties as tribal lands. Photos attached. (See attachment A-1 through A-7)

(b) Holding its-self out as a tribe:

1. Federal Governments List of Petitioners for Federal Acknowledgement, CA. dated 02/15/2007, identifying the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe. (See attachment B-1)

(c) Aboriginal ties to El Dorado, Amador and Sacramento Counties:

1. Map to California County areas Re: Nashville; Mon's Interview 1969; 1880 U.S. Census - Hart Family; Hart Homestead: Town of Nashville, Mud Springs Township, El Dorado County. Note: George G. Blanchard was the father-in-law to Oliver Hart and one of the first El Dorado County Attorneys. His daughter was Mary (Blanchard) Hart. (See attachment C-1 through C-4)

(d) Recognition from the Indian community and non-Indian entities as a tribe:

1. See attached flyers/documents. (See attachment D-1 through D-12)

(e) Membership criteria:

1. Summary membership enrollment; Membership Ordinance in progress; Miwok Membership list. (See attachment E-1 through E-5)

By this memo; the Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribe is requesting that the ROC Identify our Tribe on the Cal NAGPRA Section 8012(j) (2) (B) notification list for the following Counties: El Dorado, Amador and Sacramento. Hope that this information helps. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Mr. COSME A. VALDEZ

Cc: Nashville-Eldorado Miwok Tribal Committee



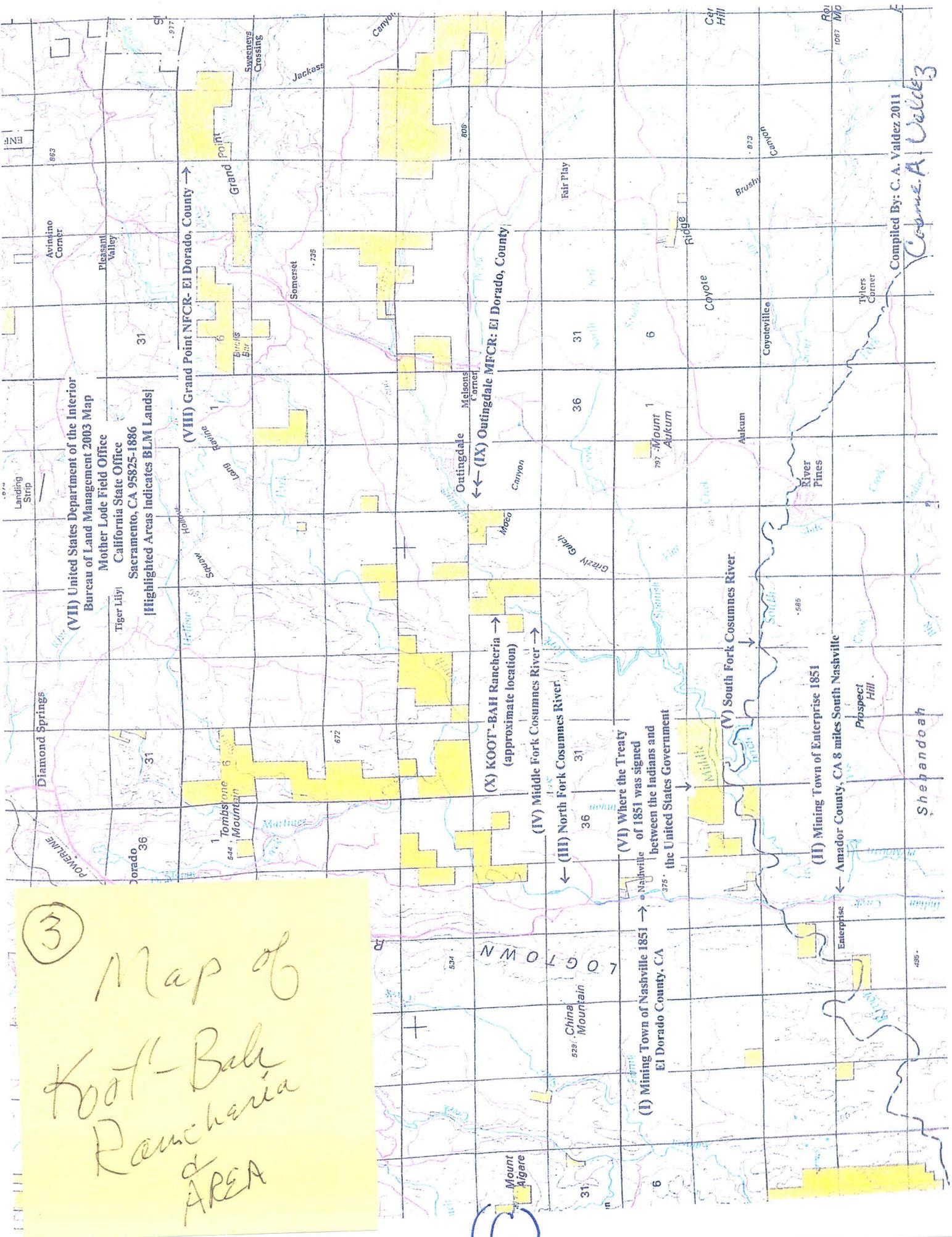
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Map of
Koot-Bah
Rancheria
&
AREA



(VII) United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management 2003 Map
Mother Lode Field Office
California State Office
Sacramento, CA 95825-1886
Tiger Lily
Diamond Springs
Pleasant Valley
Avalino Corner
863
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(VIII) Grand Point NFCR- El Dorado, County →

(X) KOOT-BAH Rancheria →
(approximate location)

(IV) Middle Fork Cosumnes River →

(III) North Fork Cosumnes River →

(VI) Where the Treaty of 1851 was signed between the Indians and the United States Government →

(V) South Fork Cosumnes River →

(II) Mining Town of Enterprise 1851 → Anador County, CA & miles South Nashville

Compiled By: C. A. Valdez 2011

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